[Mr. K. V. Varghese Ithac]

(*e*) whether they are aware that Kuruppamthara market road is lying for the last three years in a condition useless for vehicular traffic?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D.*): (*a*) No.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) Yes.
(*e*) No.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: May I know from the honourable member whether the answers given here are based on the reports of subordinate officers or on his personal knowledge.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: On the report of the subordinate officers.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: May I know whether he would be prepared to take it from me that the Thiruvathucal road, the Manarcaud Ayarkunnam road and Pampady Anikkadu road are in neglected condition.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I will accept the honourable members statements and take further enquiries.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether during the course of this year any of these roads have been repaired or maintained properly

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I believe so, Sir. I have not got any specific information.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware of the complaints made in this Assembly during the course of the budget discussion last year that the village roads are uniformly neglected?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have suggested various methods, I have asked for the co-operation of the public. I know the difficulty exists.

Rest house at Kottayam.

285 ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the necessary furniture have been supplied to the newly constructed rooms in the rest house at Kottayam; and

(*b*) if not, how long it will take?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.
(*b*) Another month.

Rest house at Palai.

286 ***MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the P. W. D. Advisory Board have reported to Government that a rest house is necessary at Palai?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: Does the honourable member think that there is need for a rest house at Palai?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: I believe there is a real necessity because a number of roads join there.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: Oh, you think there is necessity. Will the Chief Engineer be pleased to start work for constructing a rest house at Palai.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As soon as an estimate can be prepared and got sanctioned.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how many of the rest houses in the State are habitable?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: I have not got the statistics.

Rest house at Palai.

287 ✻ **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they are aware of the inconvenience felt for want of a rest house at Palai; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being looked into.

Bridges in Quilon-Alleppey Road.

288 ✻ **MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the unsafe condition of the Chavara and Kannattil bridges in Quilon-Alleppey road especially of the platform planks; and

(*b*) whether Government have taken any steps for the immediate rectification of the defects?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) They are not unsafe.

(*b*) The defects observed in the platform planks are being set right.

Thondra Bridge.

289 ✻ **MR. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that boatmen are put to much suffering during night time owing to want of lighting arrangements underneath the Thondra bridge and that boats have capsized several times at the dangerous turn beneath the bridge?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, but not due to want of lights.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know due to what causes these accidents occur

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am surprised that accidents like this should occur when the span of the bridge is so large. I do not think accidents could occur unless the vessels are badly handled.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Chief Engineer take it from me that I have heard from the boatmen themselves that they found it difficult to take boards when the floods are on.

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